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JANUARY 18, 1954

Got to 18A Charles Street at ten o'clock and found Nancy Lancaster preparing to leave for a trip in Devonshire.

Lunched at Bucks' and went shopping around in the antique world. Substantial acquisitions.

Dined with Barbie and Herbert Agar. Delightful evening with them as well as with Barbie's mother, Lady Emily Luytens (who, at the age of 80, has just published a best seller), Billy Wallace and Bill Rollo. Much affectionate talk of Duff and Diana. Diana, always fearful of his health, when he questioned her a couple of months ago as to whether the doctors had told her he was dying, had answered, "No, they think you are fine but I know you are dying; I've thought so every day since we married." Another Dianaism, about a girl friend of Duff: "It's not the adultery I'd mind but I'm so afraid she'd let him catch cold."

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